



Tennessee Crop Weather

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RAINS AT WEEK'S END IMPEDES FIELD ACTIVITIES

Many Tennessee producers faced weather challenges in their efforts to finish cotton and soybean harvests and cover crop plantings. Up to 2 inches of rain pushed through the State in some areas late last week and brought these activities to a standstill. Fortunately, producers who were able to get crops out of the field were optimistic about the yields and quality. Because of drier weather conditions earlier in the fall that stunted pasture development, producers are feeding hay earlier than normal and are concerned about their hay supplies lasting through the winter. There were 4.2 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 23 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 10 percent short, 74 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent									
Cotton – Harvested	88	79	91	92	Wheat	4	4	31	52	9
Soybeans – Harvested	91	85	82	91	Pasture	10	32	42	14	2
Winter Wheat – Planted	87	81	82	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Emerged	72	58	66	N/A						

County Agent Comments

It's getting late in the harvest season and we still have several acres of soybeans and cotton in the field. It seems like the rainy season has set in on us again. Hopefully we will get a weather break soon. A few cattle producers are feeding hay already with most pastures in fair to good condition. Cattle are in good to excellent condition.

J. C. Dupree, Lauderdale County

Last week provided field conditions good enough for many farmers to finish up harvest. Cotton production seems to be better than anticipated. Soybean and corn production varied depending on location and maturity group. Pastures have provided some grazing but farmers are also feeding hay. Cattle condition seems average to above average for this time of year.

Kenny Herndon, Carroll County

The farmers in Fayette County got most of the crop out of the field before rains came later in the week. Wheat looks good.

Jeff Via, Fayette County

Cotton harvest continues and soybean harvest is almost complete. A few more acres of wheat was seeded prior to rainfall late week. Over 2 inches of rain fell across Weakley County at week's end.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

We had a nice week. Planting is done and everyone is feeding hay. The dry weather in the fall stopped pastures in its tracks. Several farmers are already concerned about their hay supply and how long it will last.

Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Soybean and cotton harvest completed. Some wheat and cover crops are still being planted.

Kevin Rose, Giles County

Rain Friday. Still working on getting beans harvested. Hay supplies may be tight.

John Goddard, Loudon County

Substantial rain at end of week maintained soil moisture but put a damper on harvest activities. Hay feeding of livestock is the norm now with cooler temperatures, rains and pastures that are still short.

John Wilson, Blount County

2019 TENNESSEE CROP WEATHER SEASON FINAL REPORT

This is the final issue of the 2019 Tennessee Weekly Crop Weather Report. USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Tennessee Field Office, extends sincere thanks to UT/TSU Extension and the numerous county agents that are responsible for the immense success of this report, making it one of the most requested reports we publish. The weekly report will resume in April 2020. We wish you and your families Happy and Safe Holidays!

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